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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
YAMAMURA et al. )  
Application Number: 10/607,050 ) Examiner Marina I. Miller  
Filed: June 27, 2003 ) Art Unit 1631  
For: EVALUATION METHODS OF INTERFERON  $\beta$  )  
TREATMENT AGAINST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS )  
Attorney Docket No. NITT.0144 )

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**COVER LETTER**

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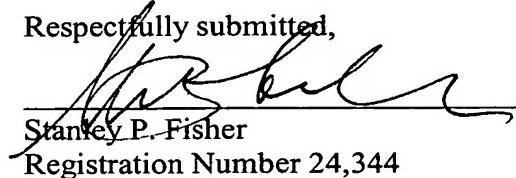
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$360	0
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the office action dated April 11, 2006, in the above identified application, the shortened statutory period for response of which is set to expire on July 11, 2006. Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as indicated below.